

That the committee be instructed to report a bill amending the law so as to authorise the Courts to imprison those persons who retail spiritous liquors without license; and to prohibit the recovery of any debts contracted for liquors less than five dollars.

Mr. Dockery moved the following as an amendment to the instructions, to wit:

And also to prohibit, under penalty of imprisonment, non-residents from selling less than a gallon.

Which was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Clingman, the motion to re-commit with instructions, and the report, were laid on the table.

The bill entitled a bill to authorise the construction of the Raleigh and Western Turnpike Road, heretofore made the special order for this day, was taken up and read the second time.

Mr. Dockery addressed the Senate in opposition to the passage of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Clingman, the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Moore presented the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the existing laws as to enable a security to absolve himself from legal responsibility, if the obligee does not commence legal proceedings to collect the same within a certain time after notice to that effect by the security or his agent.

Which was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Whitaker, the Senate adjourned until to morrow morning ten o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9, 1840.

Received from the House of Commons a message, transmitting to the Senate the Report of the Joint Select Com-